UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION 1:21-cv-00164-MR

THOMAS HUGHES,)
Plaintiff,))
vs.) ORDER
JAMES W. PROPST,)
Defendant.))

THIS MATTER comes before the Court sua sponte on the Court's denial of Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment.

The parties are directed to notify the Court within fourteen (14) days of this Order if they object to participating in a judicial settlement conference pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16.3(d) in an effort to settle this matter without a trial.

The parties are advised that, should a judicial settlement conference being undertaken in this matter to facilitate settlement, there is no requirement that the case settle through such a conference. Rather, if a judicial settlement conference were unsuccessful, the matter would proceed to trial. Should either or both parties object to a judicial settlement conference in this matter, the matter will be set for trial to occur as soon as

feasible.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the parties shall notify the Court within fourteen (14) days of this Order if they object to a judicial settlement conference in this matter in accordance with the terms of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: March 20, 2023

Martin Reidinger

Chief United States District Judge